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## 89 Animals Find Homes for the Holidays

January 7, 2010 – Waterford, VA – The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is happy to report that **89 animals** are in new homes for the new year thanks its December "Home for the Holidays" promotion. This is a **48% increase** over the number of animals adopted in the previous month (60 total adoptions in November 2009).

The "Home for the Holidays" promotion waived the spay/neuter fee for all dogs and cats adopted from the animal shelter during the month of December. Dogs and cats were not the only ones that found new homes however, as the shelter placed several guinea pigs, birds, hamsters, and even two hermit crabs!

"We're very pleased with the success of Home for the Holidays, and are would like to thank the adopters who chose to bring a pet into their homes in December," says Animal Care & Control Director Thomas Koenig. "We look forward to providing more innovative adoption programs and opportunities in 2010 in hopes of finding homes for all of our adoptable animals."

There are still many cats, dogs, and small animals at the shelter looking for loving homes. Adoptable animals can be seen online at <a href="www.loudoun.gov/animals">www.loudoun.gov/animals</a>. Potential adopters can also connect with the latest news from Animal Care & Control through Twitter and Facebook, both available on <a href="www.loudoun.gov/animals">www.loudoun.gov/animals</a>.

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Shelter information & directions can be found at <a href="https://www.loudoun.gov/animals">www.loudoun.gov/animals</a>.